Linking of schools with education satellite

†682. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to connect all the schools of the country with the education satellite; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Core Group has been constituted to suggest ways of sharing EDUSAT resources for all sectors of edcuation, including school education.

Entrance tests for technical courses

683. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any policy for entrance tests for admission to technical courses in the professional educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has revised its policy for admission for technical and professional courses from the academic session 2005-06. According to the new policy, admissions in undergraduate programmes in all the centrally funded educational institutions like National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institute of Forge and Foundry Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and other Institutes of Central Government, as specified will be made through All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). All other educational institutions like Central/Deemed Universities will have the option of participating in the above examination or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner.

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